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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 are pending.

Applicants have amended the specification to correct a typographical error in the specification, which was pointed out by the Examiner in his objection to the specification. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicants have also amended claims 1 and 2 so that they now differ from the claims in the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,625,439.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415 576-0200.

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